

# Safety On The Road

## Don't Get Stalled On The Tracks!

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A vehicle stalled on a rail crossing endangers many people besides the driver. Passengers, other motorists, bystanders and the train crew are all at serious risk.

### **Here are some tips for avoiding this situation:**

- Maintain your vehicle in good mechanical condition at all times.
- Know your vehicle and how to drive it over all kinds of terrain without stalling.
- Be aware of any road and weather conditions, such as ice or water on the road surface, which could cause your vehicle to stall.
- When it is safe to cross the tracks, do so quickly. Traveling at too low of a speed, particularly in a standard shift vehicle, can increase the risk of stalling.
- Put your vehicle in a low gear before crossing. Do not shift gears while crossing.
- Keep to the right to allow safe two-way traffic.
- If your vehicle is one in a line-up at the tracks, wait until there is room for your vehicle on the other side of the track before starting across. Otherwise, if traffic stalls because of a traffic light

change, your vehicle could be stuck on the track.

### **Let's hope it never happens, but here's what to do if your vehicle stalls on the tracks:**

- Put the vehicle in neutral. Turn the radio off so you can listen for trains.
- Get the passengers out immediately.
- Post someone as a lookout for both directions.
- If you have time to try to move the vehicle, push it off the tracks.
- With a standard shift vehicle, put it in gear and use the starter to try to move it.
- If a train comes before the vehicle can be moved, run away from the scene in the direction from which the train is approaching. On impact your vehicle will be pushed in front of the train and can land on either side of the track.

*It is important to know what to do if you ever find yourself in a vehicle stalled on the tracks. Get across safely.*

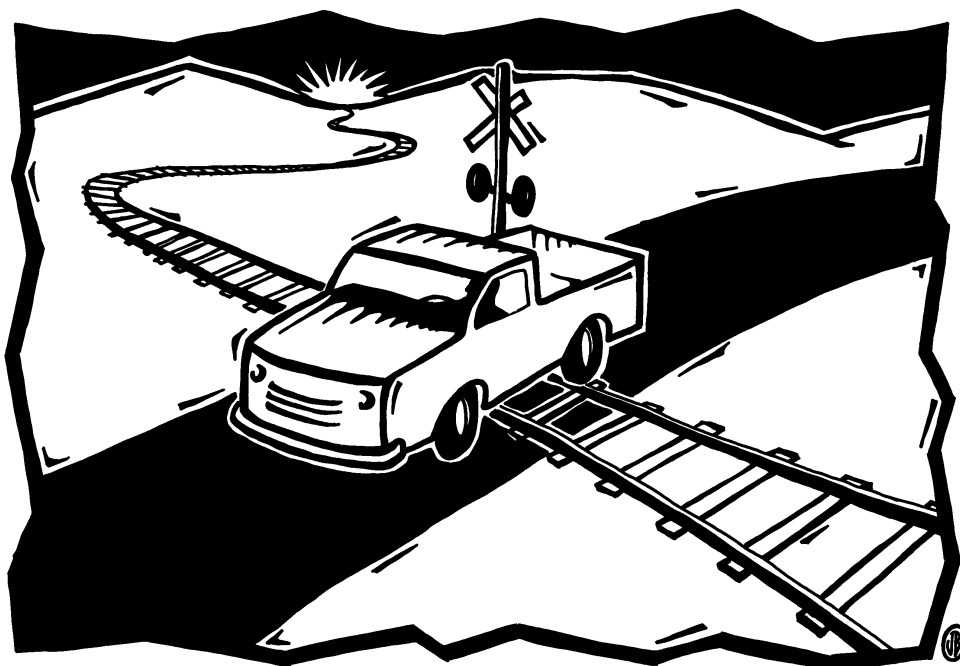
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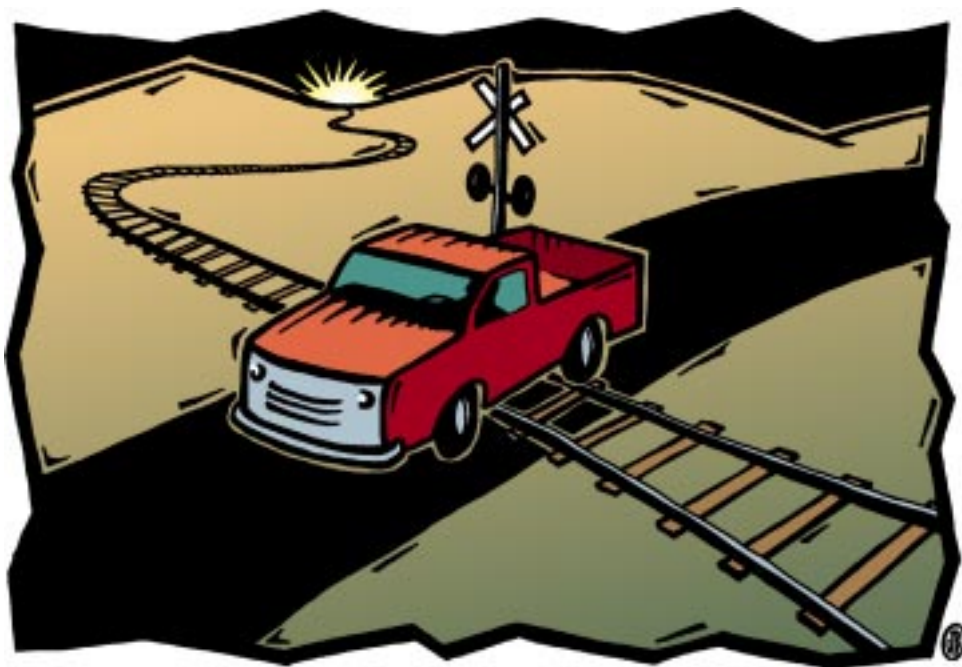
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